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2002 a sour year for sweet potatoes

Mother nature turned harvest season in Louisiana on its head this year and sweet potato farmers took it on the chin as a result.

Fields ankle deep in mud from hurricanes and constant rains the months of October and November put the lie to what is customarily the driest time of the year. After each downpour farmers began counting successive rainless days in hopes of a few days when fields would be dry enough to put their potato diggers into the fields.

What is normally a \$100 million industry will be lucky to clear half of that when final figures are in for 2002, according to growers. In 2001 Louisiana sweet potato farmers made \$62.5 million while the state's sweet potato processing businesses took in \$40.5 million. At \$100 million, the sweet potato industry dwarfs the total value of the 35 other commercial fruits and vegetables grown in Louisiana, valued at about \$60 million in 2001.

"October proved to be Louisiana's second wettest October since 1889 with a number of south Louisiana parishes reporting all-time October rainfall records," State Climatologist Jay Grymes said in his official report.

On the ground farmers saw it this way: "The rain started about the 7th of October. Normally October is the driest month of the year and we will average three inches of rain in October," said Lev Dawson of Dawson Farms near Delhi in north Louisiana's Richland Parish.

"This year it rained all the way through October and all the way through November. We got hit by three hurricanes; we got brushed by Isadore, run completely over by Lili and we got that Mexican hurricane. Then we had various fronts come through and dump rains in between," Dawson said.

In south Louisiana the story was the same or worse. Larry Fontenot who, with his father Earl and brother Lonnie, own E&L Produce near Ville Platte in Evangeline Parish, said, "In October we didn't get any days in (harvesting) and in November we got even less. So we were just sitting here waiting for dry conditions and the ground doesn't dry real well in December."

At 2200 acres Dawson Farms is the largest sweet potato farming operation in the state. Dawson normally finishes harvesting by the middle of October. This year he pulled his crews from the fields at Thanksgiving with potatoes still in the ground. "The financial impact is that we paid our employees that entire time so the cost difference was huge. We have a lot fewer, 40 percent fewer potatoes, and we paid three times the money to dig them," Dawson said.

In south Louisiana, Fontenot prefers to have his operation wrapped up by Nov. 1. In 2001 he planted 550 acres of potatoes. This year he planted only 330 acres and may not plant more than 150 acres next year.

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A two-tractor-pull is needed to get the sweet potato digger through saturated fields on the Fontenot farm in Evangeline Parish in mid-December (clockwise from top). Larry Fontenot uses his thumb to show the damage to muddy sweet potatoes caused by three months of wet fields. Earl Fontenot has been operating the farm since 1949 and says drought plus rain over the last four years is the worst he's seen in 50 years.



Agriculture and Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Twenty Louisiana crawfish processors got a little something extra from Santa this year.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said letters were mailed to the processors telling them how much money to expect from tariffs collected on imported Chinese crawfish tailmeat.

Odom said the checks were to be mailed out at the end of December.

"I haven't seen the letters because this is something that's being conducted at the federal level, but I've been told that the amounts our

processors will receive range from about \$16,000 to \$500,000," Odom said.

Crawfish processors are getting the tariff money because of the Byrd Amendment, passed in October 2000, which says antidumping petitioners are to receive funds collected by Customs for their industry.

Processors originally filed an anti-dumping petition with the U.S. International Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Commerce in 1996. An antidumping tariff was announced in

September 1997 and deposits began being collected from importers. Odom said the threat of eventual collection of the tariff worked to keep crawfish tailmeat prices around \$5.50 per pound for several years. This allowed the domestic crawfish industry to compete with the imported Chinese tailmeat.

When importers realized they could find loopholes to avoid the deposits and tariffs, the threat no longer worked and prices for Chinese tailmeat rapidly declined. Odom blamed bureaucratic red tape

in Washington for impeding the collection of tariffs and allowing Chinese tailmeat to continue to be sold for prices well below what the domestic industry can sell for and still make a profit.

In a February 2002 news release, Odom said, "What we have going on is a classic case of shrewd importers and their lawyers moving much faster than the snail's pace of the federal bureaucracy."

Department of Agriculture and Forestry officials first learned that processors would be getting the tariff money in July when they were

told at least \$8 million in tariffs would be available. At the time, Odom said that \$8 million was just a small portion of all of the invoices that had been sent out, but more money might be collected by the end of the federal fiscal year in September.

"Throughout this whole procedure I really didn't know what to expect. There were times when I thought our processors would never see any results from the tariff," Odom said. "But I am extremely thankful for what we're getting now."



Mud clogs La. sweet potato fields

All crops need water to do well, but too much of a good thing is particularly harmful to potatoes.

Louisiana's \$100 million sweet potato industry has struggled mightily this year with muddy fields during harvest season. It has been hard on expensive equipment, harder on the fragile potato and wearing on growers' nerves.

"The potato needs oxygen. That's why they talk about potato ridges and good loamy soil for drainage. If moisture stays on the potato for too long, oxygen can't get to the potato and it starts to make alcohol instead of sugar and that causes it to sour. Once it starts that process it can't be stopped and it ruins the potato and that's been the story this year," said

Lev Dawson of Dawson Farms in Richland Parish.

Larry Fontenot with E&L Produce in Evangeline Parish said unseen bacteria and viruses also cause problems.

"You never know what type of bacteria or viruses are in the soil surrounding the potato. When you put the potato in these saturated, cold soils it gets stressed. A stress situation provides an avenue for the invasion of bacterial and viral diseases.

"It's not just one disease or it's not just one rot that gets you. There are a number of them out there that seem to be real prolific under these wet soil conditions," he said.

Digging in the mud is also expen-

sive. "We had constant rains and a lot of equipment breakdowns in the fields," Dawson said.

Wet soil causes the dirt to cling to the potato when it comes up the digger belt onto the sorting trailer. "The dirt will adhere to the potato and go into the bin and form a mass of wet dirt around the potatoes in the bin and the process of breaking down continues.

"It doesn't do any good to dig in the mud. The only way you can get a potato out of the mud and keep it useful commercially is to turn the potato with the turning plow and have people go in the field and pick the potatoes up individually and wipe the mud from them," Dawson said.

Larry Fontenot looks over a basket of muddy potatoes (clockwise from top left). Washed potatoes are sorted by grade. Earl Fontenot (left) and Craig Roussel, director of horticulture and quarantine programs for LDAH, look over thousands of rejected potatoes. The Fontenot's "Sweet Magnolia" brand is packed in mid December, six weeks after the normal close of the season.



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The first week of December Fontenot was still waiting to put together a few dry days so he could put his machinery and crews back in the fields.

One advantage of bringing late season potatoes to market this year is that prices are moving steadily up, pushed by short supplies. By the second week in December the price had gone from \$12 to \$14 a box, Fontenot said.

His crew was working to pull all they could from the ground to put into the farm's refrigerated storage and eventually sell into a more profitable market.

With quality off sharply because

of weather, Fontenot's operation is not packing out more than 30 percent No. 1s, the most valuable potato. In a good year sweet potato farmers will have 60 percent to 80 percent grade out in the highest No. 1 category.

This season has left many in the industry talking about survival. A number of observers are predicting that as many as 25 percent of potato farmers will get out of the business following 2002's soaking rains which came hard on the heels of three drought years.

"The local economy has really been impacted," Dawson said.

"The economy is suffering

tremendously because cotton acreage is down; corn is not yielding the money that cotton would. Sweet potatoes are hurt and the local farm dealerships are just not doing well.

"A lot of farmers are in serious debt. My understanding is that farmers who don't have storage and bins are just not going to be able to get money to raise sweet potatoes. They use to raise them and sell them on the turn row to people who had bins and brokerage.

"For the last 30 years potatoes coming out of the ground in the fall would be sold green or uncured, which means the sugar content

would be half of what it would be if you waited six weeks," he said. "That market has disappeared. People want cured sweet potatoes. To do that you have to have sufficient bin storage to be able to provide potatoes to your customers that are cured. You can't sell them green anymore.

"To do that you have to have refrigeration. We have 350,000 bushels of refrigeration on this farm and we are probably going to put up another 150,000 bushels this year because our customers demand cured potatoes year round.

"Our electric bill runs \$25,000 a month. It costs a lot of money to be

able to do that for your customers.

"If you're sitting on a turn row with no bins or storage I just don't see any future for those farmers," Dawson said.

Larry Fontenot's father, Earl, began farming sweet potatoes in Evangeline Parish in 1949.

"Agriculture's in the worst rut ever because of the weather," the elder Fontenot said. "Twenty-five percent of the potato farmers have already been told by their lenders that they are out. I'm 78 years old. What I've earned in my lifetime I earned farming. I'm going to come back one more time next year and see how it goes."

CATTLE

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Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, Champion bloodlines, Gain Test leaders, heifers, \$700/1; 2 yr. old bulls, \$1500. Fred Elsing, Alexandria, 71306; (318) 442-0741.

Reg. Charolais heifers, \$850/1. Simone Chauvin, Raceland, 70394; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 537-7229.

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Reg. Horned & Polled Hereford bulls, 2 yrs., excel. bloodlines, EPD's, well built, ready for service, semen tested, \$1250/1, located in Bogalusa area. William Bell, New Orleans, 70148; (504) 864-1565.

¾ Hereford ¼ Brahma bull, 4 years., top shape & good breeder, \$10000. Glynn Broussard, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 643-6496.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, red, 11 mos., \$650. Jack Carona, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-4427.

2 Reg. Holstein cows, 1 daughter Test, 1 daughter Rambo, \$900/1. L. Champagne, Cut Off, 70345; (985) 632-3389.

Reg. Brangus bull herd sire, 7 yrs., \$1500; 3 yrlg. Brangus bulls, \$1700/1-up; Floridian & Transformer of Brinks bloodline, open Brangus heifers, \$650/1. D. Clark, Rayne, 70578; (337) 873-8188.

Reg. Simmental & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls, prs., \$650/1-up. B. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Pb Holstein heifers, no papers, 2 yrs., Beltone A-1 breeding, bred to calve in early spring, \$1450/1. Tim Johnson, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-7570 or (337) 363-0187.

BBU Reg. Beefmaster cows & heifers, \$750/1-up; Base & 1x cows, breeding age bulls, \$2000/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. Charolais bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budsmayad breeding, Certified herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-7939.

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 8 - 9 mos., \$600 - \$700/1. Mark Monday, Heflin, 71039; (318) 377-4079.

Commercial Type cows/calves, black & Black Baldy, 3 - 8 yrs., \$550 - \$600/pr. Clifford Myers, Youngsville, 70592; (337) 856-6992.

Reg. Polled Hereford bull, 4 yrs., very gentle, excel. cond., \$900. Leo Perque, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 633-2144.

(14) Certified F1 heifers, 8 mos., \$8400 or \$700/1; 5 Super Black Baldy heifers, 8 mos., \$3000/all or \$600/1. Phillip Plaisance, Lockport, 70374; (985) 532-6759.

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Reg. Brangus herd sire, CCR Pathfinder T-4234G, 4/97, EPD: B.W. - 2.4, WW 30.6, YW 50.4, easy fleshing, \$1700. J. Veillon, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 647-2473.

12 Reg. Santa Gertrudis, 11 females, 1 bull, \$11,000. H. Landrum, Bunkie, 71322; (3238) 346-2238.

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Reg. Beefmaster bulls, gentle, red, 3 yrs., \$1500; gentle, red, 17 mo., \$750. Farrell Woods, Gueydan, 70542; (337) 536-6845.

Pb Reg. Polled Charolais heifers, 8 - 9 mos., \$550/1-up; Yrlg. bulls, \$750/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush, 70431; (985) 886-5557.

Reg. Black Angus bulls, 19 - 23 mos., \$1200/1. Bill Alford, Robert, 70455; (985) 893-1651.

Reg. Red Angus bull, 4/97, Logan 210 sire, gentle, \$1500 or trade; '01 bulls from 6L Logan 779, Leachman, King Rob, Kentrelina, \$850/1-up. J. Bailey, Leesville, 71446; (337) 463-8080.

Reg. Charolais cattle, 3/N/1's, \$1200 - \$1500; open heifers, \$700/1; yrlg. bulls, \$800/1-up; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500 - \$1800. Harry Comeaux, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 662-3270.

Limousin Reg. bulls & heifers, polled, double black, ready for spring breeding, AI sires, great EPD's, hvy. muscle, \$1200/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 364-4241.

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Reg. Polled & Horned Herefords, bulls, heifers, cows, some 3/N/1's, 8 mos. - up, \$800/1-up. Chris Lewis, Angie, 70426; (985) 986-1000 or (985) 732-7004.

(3) Reg. Blk. Brangus heifers, 10 mos., excellent bloodlines, gentle disp., papers in buyer's name, \$575/1. Charles Morvant, Broussard, 70518; (337) 856-5352.

Reg. Polled Charolais bulls, weaning age, grandsons of HBR Program Z97 P, '02 Multi Trait leader, excel. EPD's & disp., \$800. Joel Pigott, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-5008.

Reg. Polled Hereford, 6 young cows, hvy. bred, with papers, \$950/1. Carter Sonnebert, Singer, 70660; (337) 786-8209.

75 Braford replacement heifers bred to Angus bulls, calving in Jan., \$725/1-up; Reg. Angus bulls, 11 - 13 mos., Kruegers breed-

ing, \$1200/1-up. Ed O'Neal, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-8665 or (337) 463-3946.

BBU Reg. Beefmaster cows & heifers, \$750/1-up; base cows, 1X, E6 females, breeding age bulls, \$1500/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. Red Limousin Herd bull, 4/97, excel. background & EPD's, gentle, thick muscled, proven calf ease, \$1000. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 868-2693 or (985) 209-0026.

Reg. Black Brangus bulls & heifers, 10 mos. & up, gentle, quality, \$650/1-up. Terry Faul, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-5275.

Reg. Red Angus bull, 3 yrs., \$1000; Gelbvieh bull, 2 yrs., \$1000. John Martin, Walker, 70785; (225) 665-1509.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah bulls, polled, solid colors, wormed, all shots, very gentle, 8 mos. - 3 yrs., \$550 - \$1175/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-0505.

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Reg. Black Angus heifers, 6 head, lg. framed, Traveler 71 breeding, 22 to 25 mo., \$1000/1 or you pick, \$1100/1. LaMar De Phillips, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7298.

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Palomino colt, sire: Bader Trophy, dam: Doc Goldwood mare, nice bred colt with color, \$2500/1; Gelding, 4 yrs., top side: Kids Clu, bottom: Poco, 120 days training for roping pen, pasture work, \$2500. Jay Berza, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-8278.

(2) AQHA broodmares, both in foal to own son of Peppy San Badger, early spring foals, \$1750 - \$1950. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2674.

AQHA chestnut mare, 9 yrs., very pretty, Zip to Impress x Win or Loose (N/N), in foal to Palomino Te N Te X Sonny Dee Bar stud, \$1200. Charles Casanova, Holden, 70744; (225) 294-2586.

AQHA mares & colts by Dulces Peppy, Snorty Lena, Bingo Hickory & Smart Little Jerry, Doc O'Lena, Docs Sug & Sonita's Last bloodlines, \$1250/1-up. Charles Champagne, Cut Off, 70345; (985) 632-3389.

Miniature horse, 6 mos., very friendly, \$600. Michael Conner, Eunice, 70535; (337) 546-6310.

'01 AQHA sorrel colt, sired by NCHA money earner, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Peppy San Badger, Colonel Flip on papers, gentle, \$1250. Tracy Conerly, Florian, 71429; (318) 586-3044.

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American Saddlebred mare, 4 yrs., Beau Parade, very gentle, thoroughly broke to ride & drive, started racking, \$1600. Dudley Glenn, Gloster, 71030; (318) 933-5275.

Miniature horse, very friendly, light brown color, 34", 1½ yrs., \$400.

E. Guillory, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 826-5350.

'00 AQHA mare, daughter of Mr. Sun O 'Lena out of Sparta Tiveo mare, \$10,000. Troy Gulotta, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-6830.

Belgium mare, 4 yrs., gentle & filly off ½ TB, bay, filly halter broke, \$2000. William Hatcher, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-8361.

Geld., 13 yrs., anyone can ride, 14.2 hands, \$1000. Laurie Landry, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-1403.

APHA, Colonel Freckles bloodline, 30 days under saddle, 2 yrs., \$1500/1-up; APHA, 3 yrs., 90 plus days under saddle, lots of cow, Colonel Freckles bloodline, \$2500; AQHA, '02 colts, cowhorse bloodlines, halter broke, \$700/1-up, no papers. Barrett Lyons, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-2176.

AQHA weanling colt, sorrel, Leo, Sport Model, Impressive, Iron Bird breeding, little head, big hips, \$750. G. Martel, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7471.

Quarter pony bay mare, 7 yrs., 12½ hands, loads, no bad habits, \$400. Daniel Mercer, Winnfield, 71483; (318) 628-2623.

Reg. QH, 15 yrs., \$1050; QH, no papers, 18 yrs., \$950, both gentle; Miniature horse, 1 yr., \$650. Dan O'Brien, St. Landry, 71367; (337) 831-5100 or (337) 461-2323.

'01 AQHA Palomino stud colt, My Little Mac, Velvet O' Leana, King Bar Honey, Lightnin Bar Jr, very gentle, loads, \$1200. Greg Peron, Mamou, 70554; (337) 468-5144.

AQHA & APHA weanlings, yearlings, Foundation bred, all colors, \$500/1-up. Brandi Rhodes, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4151.

'01 APHA filly, 14½ hands, muscular, gentle, ties & trims, \$675; '02 APHA filly, lots of color, \$500 or trade for pleasure gelding. Ken Soileau, Sunshine, 70780; (225) 642-0777.

'01 Foundation AQHA sorrel stallion, double bred Blondy's Dude, \$1500. Jane Vidal, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4151.

Reg. AQHA filly, 21 mos., Blondy's Dude, Doc Bar, King's

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Ranch bloodlines, good conf., \$1500. Ken Wagley, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-0105.

Mo. Fox Trotter mare, 9 yrs., gray Paint, 14 hands, built well, gentle, easy keeper, \$1000. J. Gooch, Lafayette, 70503; (337) 981-2374.

Miniature Palomino stallion, 5 yrs., 34" tall, gentle with children, \$500. Warren Hoag, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-0937.

AQHA, proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, microchipped, 1, 2, & 3 years, out of Blondy's Dude mares, \$750/1-up. Butch Martin, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-2467.

'95 AQHA black mare, excellent trail horse, kids or novice, gentle, good mannered, great disp., \$2500. Lynn Schwamb, Robert, 70455; (985) 542-1681.

Dapple grey Percheron mare, 8 yrs., 18 hands, \$3500; Dapple grey Percheron mare, 18 hands, 7 yrs., due in 3/03, \$4000, both broke single, double & broke to ride; Black Percheron colt, 1½ yrs., 15.2 hands, \$2500. Jayne Cassard, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 675-6033.

Reg. App. geld., blk. & wht., '85, Puddenhead, Cooter ville Echohawk, Mansfield Comanche, very gentle, others avail, \$1200. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

'00 Reg. AQHA chestnut stallion, Docs Peppy, Peppy San, Dry Doc, Doc's Hickory on papers, easy breeder, professionally trained, \$3000. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9562.

'88 Brown mare, Zan Parr Bar, Cutter Bill, Puddenhead, King bloodline, free breeding to cutting bloodline of choice stud, \$1800. Debra Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9562.

Palomino Paint filly, 3 yrs., good conf, beautiful markings, green broke, no papers, \$950. Tedd Poydras, Baton Rouge, 70812; (225) 356-7740.

Min. Paint Jack donkey, 36", Jennie, 40", maybe pregnant, \$550/pr. George Miramon, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-5840.

Gaited sorrel colt, very gentle, halter broke, \$400. Phyllis Veillon, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

'95 APHA Tobiano geld., sound, good handle, tracks calves, Placed & Won Western Pleasure classes, \$3500. Richard Perrioux, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-8807.

'02 AQHA stud colt, sired by Peppy Doc Again, out of granddaughter of Tanquery Gin, \$1500. E. Reynaud, Marks ville, 71351; (318) 253-7203.

Offspring of AQHA Reg. Skippa Star, dark AQHA 5 yr. mare, bred to King Ranch, working, \$4000; 3 yr. APHA mare, Skippa Star, \$2000; APHA stud colt, Skippa Star, \$1500, all haltered & trained. Harold Loewer, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

Reg. Black Arabian stallion, double Aladdin, double Bask, hand or pasture breed, \$4000; weanling stud colt, black Quad Bask, double Aladdin, \$2000. Danny Ayo, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-0988.

6 yr. AQHA mare with AQHA stud colt, rebred, \$2500; 3 yr. APHA mare bred to AQHA Palomino, \$2500. Glenna Loewer, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

Yearlings, Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, extra fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1880.

Miniature horses, AMHA, colts, stallions, fillies, mares, \$800/1-up. Karen Santangelo, Lakeland, 70752; (225) 627-4164.

Puddenhead, Peppy San Badger, JD Cody, AQHA, weanling colts, Palominos, broke 2 yr. geld., Lightnin Parr Bar yearling, \$1000 - \$3000/1. S. Gardner, Sunset, 70584; (337) 668-4255.

Reg. Tennessee Walkers, gentle, different colored weanlings, & yearlings, \$800/1-up. L. Spears, Dry Creek, 70637; (337) 328-7365.

AQHA Rime N Rocket filly, 2 yrs., Rime Daughter, \$5000; AQHA Stealin the Cash mare, 7 yrs., Dash for Cash daughter, \$15,000; AQHA Raisa Pac mare, 14 yrs., Raise Your Glass daughter, \$15,000. Susan Harrison, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-9020.

Sorrel colt with markings, 6 mos., halter broke, gentle, \$300. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

STALLION SERVICE

Homozygous APHA blk. & wht. stallion, '98 MS. Grand Champion in Halter, guaranteed Paint, good conf., \$250/\$5 day mare care. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales, 70776; (225) 644-5381 or (225) 644-4238.

AQHA Palomino, son of Gay Holly Bars, World Champion Cutting horse, 4th generation Palomino, throwing great colts, lots of color, best disp., \$300. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2674.

Standing AQHA & FQHA at stud, '86 Buckskin, 94.9%, \$250; '01 dark Palomino, 96.8%, \$300; '01 Red Line Back dun, 91%, \$200. Carl Chiasson, Scott, 70583; (337) 896-4576.

King Ranch bred son of Peppy San Badger, Finished Cutting horse, points in AQHA & NCHA, dark sorrel, \$500/\$5 day mare care. Kevin Coats, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-5139.

'82 AQHA/NFQHA dun stallion, own son of Skippa Star, out of granddaughter of Puddenhead, excel. disp., color producer, \$600/\$5 day mare care. Paul Smith, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-3082.

Smart Zan Lena, own son of Smart Lil Lena 74300, out of Sparkle Suzanna 3 time World Champion, \$75,000 LTE, athletic, \$750/\$8 day mare care. Kevin Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70510; (337) 942-1880.

'95 APHA black & white Tobiano/Overo, Professional trained for western pleasure, outstanding disp., \$250/\$5 day mare care. Jane West, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4151.

'98 Palomino stallion, Doc Bar bred, 15.3 hands, 90% Foundation, 3rd generation delute gene, produced 100% delute color for '02, exceptional disp. & conf., \$350/\$5 day mare care. Mike Vidal, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-4151.

APHA Palomino homozygous Tobiano, very athletic, hvy. build, Silky Mc Tavish, Sure B Uno, Vaughan's Cadillac bloodline, \$400/\$5 mare care. E. O'Quinn, Iowa, 70647; (337) 588-4948.

Cremello QH, reg. as APHA siring Buckskin & Palominos from colored mares, Dash For Cash, Go Man Go, Zan Parr Bar, Doc O'Lena, \$400/\$5 mare care. Lisa Lyon, Welsh, 70591; (337) 753-2590.

Arabian, chestnut, Talal X Donna Yamama, \$750/pb, \$500/others; Arabian grey, Tammern X Miraquos, \$650/pb, \$500/others. Veronica Ryan, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 658-5291.

AQHA Bay, Teaspoon Tivio out of Poco Tivio, cutting horse, throws buckskins, \$400 LFG/\$5 mare care. Diana Tatro, Reeves, 70658; (337) 666-2995.

AQHA Peppy Doc Again, son of Ninas Peppy Doc, out of Netties Sugar by Sugar Again, trained cutting horse, \$500/\$4 mare care. E. Reynaud, Marks ville, 71351; (318) 253-7203.

AQH/NFQHA dun stallion, son of Skippa Star, out of a granddaughter of Puddenhead, excel. disp., color producer, \$500/\$5 day mare care. Paul Smith, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-3082.

AQHA Palomino, Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 day mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

Appaloosa Cooter ville, blk. & wht., Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche Pudden-, head, King P-234, \$200/\$3 day mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

SWINE

#1 Feeder pigs, \$35/1-up; #1 hogs, 180 - 240 lbs., \$75 - \$101; Pot Bellied pigs, \$25/1. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa, 70427; (985) 735-9671.

Pb boars, Duroc, Linebred Otis Yorkshire, Sweetness 4-1X Reload Hampshire, Hummer X Illusive, \$250 - \$500/1. Nelson Menard, Youngsville, 70592; (337) 856-8044.

Rare breed Reg. Large Black pigs, \$200/1; other pigs, \$35/1-up. Oliver Strain, Bush, 70431; (985) 886-9900.

SHEEP & GOATS

Boer billies, ¾ & 7/8, breeding age, \$75/1-up; nannies, some bred, \$75 - \$100/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hemmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Percentage boer buck, ready for service, \$75. Freddie Morgan, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-2220.

Nannies & billies, some percentage boer goats, \$35/1-up. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa, 70427; (985) 735-9671.

Reg. Nigerian Dwarf kid, 6 mos.

male, black & white, \$75. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, 70885; (225) 683-4919 or (225) 937-0540.

Katahdin & Dorper ewes bred to Reg. St. Croix, \$100; with 1 baby, \$125; with 2 babies, \$150; St. Croix ram, \$200. Julius Thibodeaux, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-5871.

Boer Cross with papers, 7/8 Billy, nannies, kid in January, \$250/1. John Wade, Many, 71449; (318) 256-2764.

Pb Reg. Boer Billy, 3/02, papers, out of top show goat herd in Texas, \$350. Daniel Todd, Sulphur, 70665; (337) 583-7177.

Reg. Boer Billy, 100%, \$300; nannies, some bred, some with kids, \$60/1-up. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Fb Boer billies, 1 yr., excel. genetics, good conformation & breed characteristics, kids to show, \$200/1-up. Anthony Mumphy, Eunice, 70535; (337) 550-0826.

LIVESTOCK DOGS

Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts, before the ad can be published.

Australian shepherd puppies, 12/02, shots & wormed, \$75/1; Catahoula Reg. puppies, 11/02, shots, wormed, off proven working stock for cattle & hogs, black & grey leopards, \$50/1-up. Terry Fox, New Iberia, 70563; (337) 364-4214.

Border Collie pups, 11/02, parents ABC Reg. working cattle, \$150/1. Malcom Cornette, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-6077.

Border Collie, 2 yrs., works goats, cattle, hogs, all shots, worming, \$1000. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Reg. McNab puppies from Foundation bloodlines, working parents on premises (cattle & sheep), will demonstrate, 11/02, \$350/1. Danny Ayo, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-0988.

Fb Great Pyrenees pups, no papers, 11/02, both parents working goat dogs, \$75/1. Hubert Wilkerson, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 356-8400.

Black Mouth cattle dog, 1 yr., spade, without papers, \$50/1. Bryan McGee, Plaucheville, 71362; (318) 939-2370.

Wanted: Reg. male, red or blue heeler, preferably red, under 1 yr., not registered, may be suitable or reg. Blue under 1 yr. old. Denise Dugas, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-4759.

DOMESTICATED BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

Advertisements will not be accepted from retail shops and/or their owners.

Blue Quaker chicks, \$325/1 out of nest, \$425/1 hf & weaned; Sun Conure chicks, hf now, \$275 weaned; Goffins Cockatoos, 2 proven pr., import breeders, \$850/pr. Josh Evans, Monroe, 71210; (318) 324-9884.

Gouldians, \$115/pr.; Orange Cheeks, \$20/1; Spice, \$12/1; Orange Wavers, \$10/1; Zebras, \$7/1;

Societies, \$5/1. Daniel Chauvin, Houma, 70364; (985) 876-7966.

Cockatoos, 11 prs., 4 pr. Macaws, large cages, metal nest boxes, food dishes, \$40,000; proven pr. Black Headed Caiques, \$1500. Joe Guidry, Dusan, 70529; (337) 873-8887.

Elnora Cockatoo, sweet, \$900; double Yellow Head Amazons babies, \$800; blue & gold Macaw babies, \$800. Patsy Guidry, Dusan, 70529; (337) 873-8887.

Blue Front Parrot with cage, \$600; African Grey Parrot with cage, \$850. Eugene Dupre, Slidell, 70461; (985) 646-1176.

Ringneck dove, normals & whites, \$5 & \$7.50/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70527; (337) 783-5729.

Pb Malaysian Serama, laying prs., \$100 - \$250. Jerry Schexnayder, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2258.

Nanday Conure male & Blue Crown female, has laid, cage, 4' x 3' x 3' with nest box, \$400/all. Julius Thibodeaux, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-5871.

Double Yellow Head Amazon, tame & talking, cage, \$700. Lenny Cardenal, Harvey, 70058; (504) 341-0643.

Indian Ringnecks, Lutino female, Green male, \$250/pr.; Red Rump parakeet, \$80/pr.; Lovebirds, \$12/1; Society Finches, \$5/1. Wade Hendricks, Convent, 70723; (225) 562-7719.

Cordon Blue male, \$50/1; Diamond doves, \$15/1; Dove mutations, \$20/1; Spice Finch, \$10/1; Ig. English Zebras, \$10/1; Java Rice birds, \$20/1; African Silver Bills, \$10/1; Split Black Cheek Zebra, \$5/1. Donald Jacob, LaPlace, 70068; (985) 652-6614.

Orange Face Lovebirds, Lutinos, Olives, Normals, Cinnamon, \$30 - \$60; Red Face, White Face, many mutations, \$20 - \$50. Dale Landry, Paincourtville, 70391; (985) 369-6952.

Double yellow head parrot, female, \$500; Quaker parrot, hf, \$100; parakeets, all colors, \$8; Lovebird pr., \$75 with cage & nest box. Don Leche, Metairie, 70003; (504) 889-1784.

Ringneck doves, \$1.50/1, 50 or more taken, \$2/1 less than 50 taken. Richard Millikin, Oak Grove, 71263; (318) 428-2604.

Hf White Bellied Caiques, DNA sexed, \$375/1-up; yng. DNA sexed unrelated prs., \$950. Charles Savoy, Dusan, 70529; (337) 984-3558.

Homemade incubator, GQF electronic thermostat with back up, thermometer, hygrometer, auto humidity, hand turn, 600 chicken eggs, \$250. Clifton Sims, Athens, 71003; (318) 258-3710.

GQF 1266 incubators, 1270 hatcher, \$300. A. Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

Doves, Ringnecks, \$5/1; Pieds, \$6/1; White & Tangerine, \$7/1; proven prs., \$20/1-up. J. Bernard, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8619.

Young female healthy Rosella, 4200. Jean Bradley, River Ridge, 70123; (504) 737-1234.

Wanted: Rosie Bourkes, prs. or

POULTRY, GAME, FOWL & EGGS

Bob White Quail, Northern, Jumbo Wisconsin, Georgia Giants, flight cond., \$3/1-up; layers, \$3/1-up; super large Pharaoh & Manchurian Gold eggs, \$25/100. Jewel Anderson, Winnsboro, 71295; (318) 435-0255.

Young laying hens, \$5/2; Muscovy ducks, full grown, \$8/male, \$5/female. Jerry Schexnayder, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2238.

Pharaoh & Manchurian Golden Quails, 2 days old, 25¢/1; 6 wks. & older, males, \$1.50, hens, \$2. Patti Arnold, Cecilia, 70521; (337) 667-6632.

(50 - 75) Ducks & Black Indies, Gray English Callers, \$5/1 if all taken, \$20/pr. Chuck Jeansonne, Mansura, 71350; (318) 253-1722.

Peafowl, Whites, Black Shouldered, \$30/1 or \$25/4 or more. Mark Lumetta, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-6257.

Muscovy, White Peking, Kaki Campbell & Mallard cross, \$10/pr. Morgan James, Anacoco, 71403; (337) 238-3113.

Flying Mallard ducks, \$25/trio. Laris Borne, Hayes, 70646; (337) 622-3331.

Laying hen, pullets, roasters, \$6 - \$7; Muscovy ducks, \$5 - \$8; White Pekings, half grown, \$6; assorted mini Bantam, \$6; assorted game hen, \$6. Wilbur Leger, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-4949.

Incubators, hatchers, brooders & Buff Orphington hens, \$10 - \$30. J. Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

Breeder Blue Peacock pr., 4 yrs., \$175; Trio Reeves Pheasants, \$75; Red Golden Pheasants, \$35/pr. Doyle Davis, Norwood, 70761; (225) 629-5546 or (225) 774-1645.

Mix Bantams, \$3/1-up; bred, \$7/1-up; eggs, \$6/dozen; white guineas, \$10/1. J. Duplechin, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-5407.

Wanted: Miniature Dark Cornish roasters & hens. Norman Ordonaux, Lake Arthur, 70549; (337) 774-2641.

Wanted: Eggs of any kind to hatch; Elliot male pheasant; Edwards female pheasant. Randy Zachary, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 748-4473.

PIGEONS

Racing Homers, about 100, \$2/1 if all taken. Chuck Jeansonne, Marksville, 71350; (318) 253-1722.

Homing pigeons, mated prs., \$20/pr., \$4/ea., \$300/100 birds. Bobby Martin, Pineville, 71360; (318) 640-7930.

Fantails, \$6/1. Julius Thibodeaux, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-5871.

FARMRAISED DEER & EXOTICS

(2) Whitetail does, (2) Buck Fawns, (3) Doc Fawns, sire weighted 340 lbs., averaged 12 pts. in 12 yrs., \$1200/all. Lee Cook, Amite, 70420; (985) 748-5997.

Whitetail deer, 21 Northern does, 1 - 5 yrs., 14 buck fawns, 6 doe fawns, (5) 1 yr. bucks from 223" Victor Newman bloodline, (2) 1yr. bucks, grandsons of 178" Bert Stelly buck, 7 pt., & 8 pt., (1) 2 yr. 10 pt. large bodied Northern buck, (1) 3 yr. 10 pt. Tommy Trail buck, (1) 3 yr., 23" 8 pt. son of 178" Stelly buck, \$500/1-up. Jerry Sullivan, Castor, 71016; (318) 544-8837.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Bass, 60¢/1; Bluegill, 20¢/1; Crappie, 30¢/1; Chinquapin, 30¢/1; Catfish, 20¢/1; Hybrids, 25¢/1; Carp, \$9/1; Minnows, \$8/1. Frank Book, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-4251.

Bluegill, 20¢/1; Redear, 25¢/1; Hybrid Bluegill, 20¢/1; Black Crappie, 30¢/1; Channel Cat, 20¢/1; Koi, 50¢/1. David Lowoe, Minden, 71055; (318) 377-1525.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

Commerical NZ, 1-4 mos., Californias, \$5/1-up. Leon Boudreaux, Jeanerette, 70544; (337) 276-6164.

Rabbit cages, 9 hole, all wire with feeders, 24 x 30, auto water, \$125/all. Joe Cortez, Lake Charles, 70615; (337) 582-6879.

Lg. type Pedigree Flemish Giants, 1 wk., \$30/1; non-pedigree Flemish Giants, Checkered Giants, Chinchilla Giants, NZW, French Lops, 8 wks., \$7/1. Charles Millet, Morganza, 70759; (225) 694-3962.

(2) Bucks, (4) Does, (2) 4 hole cages, water bottles, bowls, feeders, cages in good cond., \$75/1all. Billy Weatherford, Leesville, 71446; (337) 238-4803.

Ped. or non-ped. seedstock, NZW, Mini Rexs, \$10/1. Dextell Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 868-2693.

Mixed breed rabbit, \$5; breeders, \$10/1. J. Duplechin, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-5407.

NZW, Rex, Mini Rex, \$5/1-up. Tom Odom, Ruston, 71235; (318) 254-0133.

Wanted: English Angora rabbits. Chris Briley, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-2421.

Wanted: NZW, Calif., mix beeds, 8 lbs. - up. W. Rodi, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-0726.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

Lily of the Nile, \$5/1; Native Daffodils, \$10/50; Red Spider, \$5/25; White & Yellow Spider, \$2.50/1; Jobs Tear, \$5/1, plus \$3 postage. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

'02 Hot Peter Pepper seeds, \$1/50 seed pkt. with SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 9188 Ash St., Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Berfold Holly, 3 gal., \$4; Red Ruffle & other azaleas, 3 gal., \$450; Magnolia Fascota, Sesahqua, 3 ga., \$8; Blue Juniper, 3 gal, \$8; varie-

gated Liriope, 1 gal, \$1.50. J. Fink, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-3250.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Leyland Cypress, 3 gal., \$6.50; Hollies, 3 gal., \$4.50, 10 gal., \$12, 25 gal., \$25 - \$35; B & B, \$20 - \$25; Holly B & B, 10' - 12', \$65 or \$45, you dig. Johnnie Fink, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-3250.

Yellow & White Peach, \$2/1-up; Celeste & Honey Dew fig, \$6/1; Sweet Lemon, \$5/1, \$4 postage; Camphor tree, \$7/1-up. Rain trees, \$5/1. Morris Collura, Lake Charles, 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Grafted Pecan trees, Melrose, Summer, Elliot, \$21.95 - \$24.95. Charles Anderson, Cloutierville, 71416; (318) 379-0980.

Liveoak, 12', \$15; Celeste figs, \$10; Bald Cypress, 12', \$15; Magnolia, 12', \$15; Drake Elem, 12', \$15. Treace Smith, Denham Springs, 70706; (225) 664-3227.

HAY & GRAIN

'02 5'x5' rd. bale, \$20/bale; '01 hay at disc. price, del. avail. David Hadley, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-7526.

'02 hay, 5' x6' quality bales, fert., \$25/roll in barn, Logansport area. George Hatcher, Converse, 71419; (318) 567-3431.

Rye grass hay, 160 bales, 1800 lb. bales, in barn, (315) 1000 lb. bales, baled in '02, \$16 - \$18/bale, loaded. Bobby Stewart, Leesville, 71446; (337) 239-2878.

'02 Jiggs Bermuda, \$4 - \$.50/bale in barn, delivered, not unloaded. Don Bernard, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 989-9675.

'01 Alicia Bahia, 4' x 5' rd. bales, in barn, \$25/1; cattle mix grass, \$10/1. Brandy Cella, Bush, 70431; (985) 892-0240.

'02 Bahia & Jiggs Bermuda, rd. bales, 4' x 6', Bahia, \$20/1; Jiggs, \$30/1, delivered for \$5/bale. Donald Crawford, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 989-9675.

Alicia Bermuda, \$3.25; Bahia, \$2.25; Wheat Straw, \$2, not loaded; 5' x 5' rd. bales, \$20 - \$30, loaded, all under shelter. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

Kansas Alfalfa hay, horse quality, \$8.50/bale, \$8/bale if more taken. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 70168; (318) 894-9586.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

Case 930, \$800; JD 120 Corn Picker, 1 row, good cond., \$600; Kraus, 12' disc, \$800; Rhino, 16' disc, \$1000; 3 pt. hitch, 2 row planter, \$250, all in good cond. Gary Burks, Starks, 70611; (337) 743-5487.

Claas Rollant 66 rd. baler, 3 yrs., \$7500; Claas Disco 300 hay mower, 10'2" cut, used 2 seasons, \$4000; Vicon 8 wheel V-rake, 3 pt. hitch, \$750, all barn stored. Harry Carner, Leesville, 71446; (337) 239-7492.

JD 375 rd. baler, 4' x 5' bales, \$7500; Morro 8' cutter, 2 yrs., \$3000; Big Wheel Caddy rake, 1 yr., \$2000; Kuhn, 17' fluffer, \$1500, all in excel. cond., field ready. Lee Cook, Husser, 70442; (985) 748-7043.

JD 7720, 4 wheel drive, 18' header, \$7000, kept under shed. Chad Duhon, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-9093.

851 NH rd. baler, ready to bale, well maintained, hyd. tie, baled 130 bales per year, , 8 yrs., \$2500. Oran Gaspard, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 643-7271.

Ford 3600 w/cab, 42 hp, new 3 pt. 750 lb. cap. fert. spreader, \$5900. Tom Gingles, Hall Summit, 71034; (318) 894-9164.

JD 4020 excel. cond., \$8000. Tom Greene, Maringouin, 70757; (225) 625-3210.

JD 6300, cab, air, loader, 2000 hrs., excel. shape, \$36,500 or will trade for smaller trac. W. Lucky, Bossier City, 71112; (318) 747-8820.

JD 720 trac., 2 cyl. gas engine, \$2500; JD 420 trac., 2 cyl. gas engine, \$2500, good running cond. Kenneth Perrodin, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-0566.

IH 1586 with tires, for parts, \$1000; Rayne Plane, 40', like new, \$4000. James Stacy, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 352-3692.

JD 1518 Flex-wing shredder, 2 yrs., 540 PTO, very good cond., \$7900. Stephen Tessier, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-0650 or (337) 523-6650.

Ford 3000 diesel, 8 spd., ps, 40 PTO hp, \$4900; Int. 574 diesel, 8 spd., ps, 52 PTO hp., \$5600. J. Guillot, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4776.

Seeder/Fertilizer dist., 3 pt. hitch, \$200. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Hayforks, shop built, will lift 4' x 5', 5' x 5' or 6' x 6' bales, \$150. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

Frontend tools & attachment for Super A trac., \$250. Walter Savoy, Church Point, 70525; (318) 684-5279.

Hay Rake IH 256, good cond., \$1200. Ralph Marks, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-6943.

2555 JD, 72 hp with turbo, 2135 hrs., shed kept, \$14,200. Doug Hodges, Longville, 70652; (337) 725-3363.

Ford 3600, 40 hp, canopy, excel. cond., \$6500. Gary Williams, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-7070.

DH-4 Case trencher, backhoe, hyd., articulated, 4 wheel drive, angle blade, roll bar, excel. cond., \$6500. Gary Williams, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-7070.

4' Box Scraper, \$360; 6' Box Scraper, \$405; MF 243 exhaust, \$150. Dextel Terrebonne, Gibson, 70356; (985) 209-0026 or (985) 868-2693.

Mitsubishi dozer, 4 cyl. diesel, 6 way 8' blade, 90% under carriage, low hrs., excel. cond., \$12,500; Ford 7710 cab & air, 4 wheel drive, 87 PTO hp, 16 speed, ac, excel. cond., \$13,900. E. Ryan, Marksville, 71351; (318) 240-7388.

IH Farmall 140 trac., row markers, 5' grader box, middle buster, good cond., \$4000. B. Allen, Jack-

son, 70748; (225) 634-7259.

601 Bobcat, 30 hp, very good condition \$5000. Tommy Westmorland, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-9046.

450 Case dozer, diesel eng., 6 way blade, good undercarriage, 16" pads, cage & engine, disc covers, good cond., \$9500. Ronald Sharp, Springfield, 70462; (225) 695-3627.

Pecan Picking machine, \$250. Allen Smith, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 261-7121.

Int. 1586, new engine & tires, 7' hvy. duty Rhino shredder, \$10,500; Yanmer 195, 19 hp, 4' bushhog, \$3500. Patrick Thibodeaux, Church Point, 70525; (337) 684-2013.

NH 846, 4' x 5' rd. baler, field ready, \$1800. Michael Dupre, Washington, 70589; (337) 826-5941.

Long trac. starters, Delco, \$240/new, rebuilt unit, \$210; Cat I Quick Hitch, \$185. James Degeyter, Arnaudville, 70512; (337) 754-7682.

NH 3010, 76 hrs, 5' bushhog, \$14,000. Dewayne Richards, Eros, 71238; (318) 249-2513.

JD 25 hp, diesel, offset seat, 3 sets belly plows, toolbar, plows for back, low hrs, \$7000. Jerry Sullivan, Castor, 71016; (318) 544-8837.

(2) 8.3 x 24 trac. tires on 5 hole wheels, \$125; K361, 1 cyl, 18 hp, Kohleer engine, \$200. G. Bolen, Lake Charles, 70615; (337) 439-3518.

JDL, (1) runs, (1) for parts, \$1500; JDA 16632, '51, half of motor & etc., good rubber, PTO, 3 pt., \$3000. Harby Brucllaus, Elton, 70532; (337) 584-2943.

JD 8 row cultivator, \$2000; 8 row lay-by rig, \$800; W & A 8 row hipper with row markers, \$2500. Bobby Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Allis Chalmers XT190 with 8' front blade, 125 hp, rear hyd., extra tires, totally rebuilt, \$3000. Judith Doherty, Covington, 70435; (985) 809-1213.

Dirt scoop, 224", \$200. Mike Duke, Ventress, 70783; (225) 618-2483.

Ford 5610S trac. props & canopy, \$10,500; IH 14662P canopy, dual PTO's, \$5800; JD 830 ps, \$5995; Vemeer 605 S K rd. baler, \$1600; NH 256 rake, \$450. R. Coldiron, Jonesville, 71343; (318) 339-7876.

Farm trac., 55 hp, Rhino International, hyd. connections, canopy, 140 hrs., excel. cond, \$6500. G. Haynes, Shongaloo, 71072; (318) 846-2622.

Ford 7810 S, 90 hp, 835 hrs., canopy, Woods Loader2 55, quick attach bucket & hay fork, \$21,500. Jim Hatfield, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-2115.

JD 7020, 4 wh. drive trac., \$7000. Richard Hebert, Iota, 70543; (337) 779-2457 or (337) 824-8686.

JD 6400, 85 hp, c/a, front loader, MFWD., 2600 hrs., \$32,000; JD disc, 13' - 15', 16' - 21', \$1500 - \$3500; 4430 - 4440 ROPS & c/a, \$40,000 - 47,500. Kelly Hundley, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0546.

3600 Ford, new paint, rebushed front., ps, \$6200; 485 Case IH with loader, 2400 hrs., \$8950; 4 post 986 with duals, 2400 hrs., \$11,500. Duane Smithe, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 462-2374.

Int. Cub with belly mower, \$1000. Nick Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

'99 Long sq. baler, good cond., very low hrs., like new, \$7,000. Mat Parker, New Llano, 71461; (337) 535-4968.

Bushhog, 4', King Cutter, used 3 times, \$250. Bill Hutchinson, Pride, 70770; (225) 654-0799.

Irish Potato planter, 2 row, fert. dist., \$400; Irish potato sizer, \$200. E. Johnson, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 346-6789.

Seeder/Fert. dist., 3 pt. hitch, \$200. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Kubota L3000 F, 60" Woods RD 6000 rear mower, 90 hrs., \$10,500. J. Leonard, Zachary, 70791; (225) 658-4675.

NH 650 belt baler, fully automatic, baled less than 1500 bales, excel. cond., \$9000. Vince Sagnibene, Palmetto, 71358; (337) 623-4472.

'91 Ford 7610 trac., 2 wheel drive, 80 PTO, 7½' Alamo groomer, both in excel. shape, \$10,800/both. Danny Sarver, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-2621.

20 hp, 2 wd diesel utility trac., 540 & 1000 rpm PTO with canopy, new, \$4995; Yanmar 2610, 20 hp, 3 cyl. diesel, 1100 hrs., \$2500. D. Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

IH 1586 c/a, radial tires, excel. cond., \$10,500; IH 5488, c/a, new duals & engine, \$14,000. James Stacy, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 352-3692.

Finishing mower, 3 pt. hitch, 5' cut with 2 wheels & chains, \$550. Louis Van Hoof, Lecompte, 71346; (318) 776-5405.

Wanted: Rayne Plane Landleveler. John Lee, Jeanerette, 70544; (337) 276-6230.

Wanted: 5' box blade for use on Allis Chalmers Model B, 3 pt. hitch, located in southwest Louisiana; Turning Plow for use on Farmall Cub Rear Tool Bar, prefer plow made for Cub, consider plow modified for diamond shape tool bar. Ken Cook, Lake Charles, 70615; (337) 436-0028.

Wanted: Seed & grain drill, preferably 8 - 10'. Roy LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Wanted: JD 535 or 566 rd. baler & JD sq. baler. Fred Lucky, Bossier City, 71112; (318) 747-1873.

Wanted: JD 320, 420, 330, good cond. T. Warner, Bossier City, 71112; (318) 347-6806.

Wanted: Mower conditioner beater type Cultipacker, 25' -30' wide. Jeff Kleinpeter, Baton Rouge, 70817; (225) 753-2121.

Wanted: Ford trac. & equip., 25 - 50 hp, any cond. J. Williams, Spearsville, 71277; (318) 778-3248.

Wanted: JD Sickle mower, model 350 for parts. Michael Dupre, Washington, 70589; (337) 826-5941.

Wanted: '78 MF 50 gas trac., for parts, need steering housing. Randy Crozier, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-1441.

Wanted: Box blade, discs, tiller, other garden implements for Allis Chalmers model C trac., Gregory Dekeyzer, New Iberia, 70562; (337)

367-0214.

Wanted: 40 - 50 hp trac. to trade for 85 hp trac. E Ryan, Marksville, 71351; (318) 240-7388.

FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

'96 Ford 250 XLT, 351 5 speed, cruise, tilt, 70,000 miles, elec. locks & windows, 15,000 on tires, trailer towing, rack & bins, \$8800. Reginald Robertson, Pineville, 71360; (318) 443-1211.

'99 Dodge ¾ ton Cummings diesel truck, quad cab, auto trans., great shape, runs great, 122,000 miles, \$18,000. Darin Burge, Walker, 70785; (225) 686-1695 or (225) 791-2780.

'90 Int. 9300 Daycab, 315 Cummings, 9 speed, new tires, wet kit, air ride cab, '80 mate alum. tri axle trailer, 28 yds. liner, elec tarp, roll tarp & hwd., new brakes, alum. rims, \$25,000. K. Comardelle, Raceland, 70394; (985) 209-4223.

'90 Int. 9300 daycab, 315 Cummings, 9 spd., air ride cab, wet kit, alum. wet tank, new tires, spring ride, 180" wb, \$8500. V. Commardelle, Des Allemands, 70030; (985) 758-5176.

'66 Ford V8 tandem truck, 500 bushel steel bed, \$500. Pierre Broussard, Maurice, 70555; (337) 893-3729.

'85 F-350, 3 speed, auto, 7.3 diesel, gooseneck hookup, \$2000; '98 Nissan Frontier, 5 spd., ps, ac, 4x4, \$1500. Kelly Hundley, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0546.

'90 Chev. ¾ ton pickup, \$4500. S. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

'63 Mach B-61, single axle, Tulsa winch, 5th wheel, 107,000 miles, no rust, \$7900. Homer Lindley, Baton Rouge, 70895; (225) 927-0361.

Wanted: 7.3 hp diesel engine, 5 spd., for '91 F250 or F350, or truck for parts. Marvin Hopper, Bernice, 71222; (318) 285-7314.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

Class II hitch with Class III adapter, new, \$200. Betty Stockman, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 335-2967.

Wagon, made of cedar, 18', 4' back porch, bbq pit, bathroom, new seats, hyd. brakes, feed cart, 2 mules, harness, \$4000. Wayne Whitener, Albany, 70711; (225) 209-3818.

Barrett alum. stock trailer, 20' x 6'8", two cut gates, \$6500. Chad Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6977 or (337) 789-1936.

Dual axle, hvy. duty, 12' trailer, very good cond., \$675. Anthony Pizzolato, Baton Rouge, 70806; (225) 201-0616.

102 x 23 trailer, 18' deck, 6' dovetail, (2) 7000 lb. axles, brakes on both axles, treated floor, \$4800. Dickie Sherman, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-0240 or (337) 581-2568.

'99 Steel Grey Super Bee trailer, ramp load, walk thru front, place for saddles, like new, kept inside, no rust, feed windows, \$4500. Lynne Mullens, Livingston, 70754; (225) 698-9250.

'98 Skyline, 40', 3 axle goose-neck trailer, like new, \$3500. Jerry Sullivan, Castor, 71016; (318) 544-8837.

20' Gooseneck flatbed, 6'10" wide, 3500 lb. axles, wood floor & ramps, \$1200. Danny Cobbs, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-1607.

Thundercloud S & H, 2 horse, bumper pull, no rust, \$2500. Mike Duke, Ventress, 70783; (225) 618-2483.

35 Cotton trailers, 8' - 10'-wide, 24 - 40' long, for hauling hay or storing crawfish traps, good to excellent cond., deliv. avail., \$500 - \$1450. T. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

'91 4 Star alum. stock trailer, 8' x 20' with neckover storage area, good cond., \$8500. Troy Gulotta, Independence, 70443; (985) 878-6830.

Stock & Horse trailer, hd, 16', bumper pull, center gate, sliding rear gate, spare tire, undercoated, treated flooring, pulls easy, \$4250. R. LaBorde, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4566.

Twin axle, 2 horse trailer, \$1095. Dan O'Brien, St. Landry, 71367; (337) 831-5100.

5' x 10' dog trailer, custom built, 8 hole, storage on front, \$1000. John Wilkerson, Independence, 70443; (985) 507-5994.

19' Gooseneck car hauler, dovetail with ramps, elec. brakes, will hold tractor, \$1800; 34' 6" gooseneck, 3 axle flatbed, dovetail trailer with ramps, good for hay, 6 mos., \$4000. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 894-9586.

'00 CM trailer for mini horses, goats or pigs, 12' long, 5' wide, 5' tall, red with chrome & pin striping, very clean, \$2350. Skip Russell, Ruston, 71270; (318) 255-5050.

Wanted: 16' stock trailer, metal top, center gate, sliding rear gate, front side gate. Terry Boudreaux, Erath, 70533; (337) 937-8556.

LIVESTOCK & FARM SUPPLIES

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Wood burning heater with variable speed, used, variable speed blower, outside: 34" wide, 31½" high, 20" deep, inside: 24" wide, 14" deep, 20" high, ash chamber, \$600. Erole Kreamer, Marrero, 70072; (504) 347-8751.

New 15" saddle, good cond., \$200/1. Herman Lejeune, Branch, 70516; (337) 788-1220.

Creosote timers, 5½" x 15" x 20', excel. cond., \$60/1 or \$40/1 if 10 or more taken. M. Frederick Dubach, 71235; (318) 255-6070.

New Western saddle, 16", Texas made, \$325; new rd. pen, 50' dia., hvy. duty, 12' panel, 4' gate, \$900. C. O'Neill, Holden, 70744; (225) 777-4415.

Lister diesel engine, disassembled, all parts plus water pump, \$400. Michael Daigle, Branch, 70516; (337) 224-0601 or (337) 684-6674.

Barrel saddle, 15" seat, rawhide accents, like new, \$225; Courts roping saddle, 16" seat, rawhide covered tree, like new, \$475. Ed Durr. Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5556.

Galv. panels & pens, 1 7/8 x 16 ga. frame with 1 3/8" x 18 ga. inner bars, 4' bow gate, med. duty, 50' rd. pen, \$820. Michael Passman, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5094.

15" Western saddle, complete with hackamove & blanket, \$150; Connie Combs 14" barrel saddle, round skirt, \$250. Barab Ackerson, Folsom, 70422; (985) 796-5070.

Tubing, 2 3/8", 75¢/ft.; tubing, 2 7/8", 85¢/ft.; tubing, 95¢/ft.; casing, 7", \$5/ft.; casing, 8 5/8", \$6/ft. Trey Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

800' Heavy wall pipe, \$3.50/ft.; deliv. avail. T. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

Commercial type pea sheller, 1 bushel capacity, \$1000. Verlin Latiolais, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 948-4141.

Bodenhamer 450 squeeze chute, wheels & palp cage, used twice, \$3000. Bobby Martin, Pineville, 71360; (318) 640-5019.

Combination safe, 25" x 27" x 52", \$525. Dan O'Brien, St. Landry, 71367; (337) 831-5100 or (337) 461-2323.

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Coming Your Way

Horses moving within or into the state to fairs, livestock shows, Breeders' Association Sales, rodeos and racetracks must be accompanied by record of negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test) conducted within the past twelve (12) months. The test must be conducted at an approved laboratory and the names of the laboratory and the case number must appear on the health certificate.

January 25

The Louisiana Angus Association Annual bull sale will be held on January 25 at the LSU AgCenter, Dean Lee Research Station in Lecompte, LA beginning at noon. For a catalog or for more information, contact Jarvene Shackleford at (662) 837-4904.

FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

Fair and Livestock Show

January 29 - February 2, Gonzales, LA

Mardi Gras Imperial Calcasieu

February 28 - March 4, Lake Charles, LA 70602

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Cooking in the New Year

Sweet Party Mix

2 cups toasted Louisiana pecans $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dark corn syrup
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup butter 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups light brown sugar
 1 (12) ounce package crispy corn and rice cereal

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Lightly grease a large roasting pan. In a large bowl, mix crispy corn and rice cereal and toasted pecans. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter and mix with dark corn syrup and light brown sugar. Pour the mixture over the crispy corn and rice cereal mixture. Stir in shake to coat all the nuts and cereal. Pour the coated mixture into the prepared roasting pan. Stirring approximately every 15 minutes, cook 1 hour in the preheated oven. Cool on wax paper, and store in airtight containers.

Spinach-Stuffed Chicken

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup Ricotta cheese 6 bone-in chicken breast halves
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese 2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
 3 tablespoons finely chopped onion 1 teaspoon paprika
 1 garlic clove, minced $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried oregano
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dried thyme
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper Additional paprika, optional
 2 packages (10 ounces each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry

Combine the first nine ingredients; gently stuff $\frac{1}{2}$ cupful under the skin of each chicken breast. Place in a greased 15" x 10" x 1" baking pan. Combine oil, paprika, oregano and thyme; brush over chicken. Sprinkle with additional paprika if desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours or until juices run clear.

Ladyfinger Trifle

8 ounces cream cheese, softened 2 cups whipping cream, whipped
 3 ounces cream cheese, softened 1 package (3 ounces) Ladyfingers
 1 cup confectioners sugar 1 can (21 ounces) dark cherry pie filling

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Fold in whipped cream. Split Ladyfingers; arrange upright around the edge and over the bottom of a 2 quart serving bowl (about 8 inches diameter). Pour cream cheese mixture in bowl. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours overnight. Just before serving, spoon pie filling over cream cheese mixture.

Sweet & Spicy Nuts

2 cups Louisiana pecans $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cumin
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons white sugar 1 teaspoon curry powder
 2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 pinch ground cloves
 1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place the nuts on a large baking pan and bake in the preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes, taking care they do not burn. Remove from heat and let cool approximately 5 minutes. In a small bowl, mix the white sugar, brown sugar, salt, pepper, cumin, curry powder, cloves and cinnamon. In a large saucepan over medium heat, place the nuts and approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ the sugar mixture. When the mixture begins to melt, mix in the remaining mixture. Shake the pan until all the nuts are coated, about 5 minutes. Use a spoon to separate nuts that stick together. Remove from heat and cool on a lightly greased baking sheet or wax paper. Separate the nuts to prevent sticking.

Broccoli & Carrots with Oranges

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup orange marmalade
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 6 cup broccoli florets
 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups peeled baby carrots, halved lengthwise
 1 cup fresh Louisiana orange sections, cut into pieces
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup toasted Louisiana pecans

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Combine orange marmalade and salt. Add broccoli and carrots, toss to coat. Make a foil pouch and center vegetables. Seal tightly leaving room for heat circulation. Bake 15 to 20 minutes on a cookie sheet. Open pouch, add oranges and stir. Sprinkle with pecans before serving.

Pickled Black-Eyed Peas or Pickled Louisiana Red Beans

(2) 15 ounce cans black-eyed peas OR 1 whole clove garlic
 (2) 15 ounce cans red kidney beans $\frac{1}{4}$ cup thinly sliced onion
 1 cup salad oil $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup wine vinegar Cracked or fresh ground black pepper

Drain liquid from the peas or beans. Place in a bowl, add remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Store in a jar in refrigerator and remove garlic bud after one day. Store at least two days and up to two weeks before eating.

Hay and Straw

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sun-dried tomatoes 1 teaspoon minced garlic
 1 pound fresh spinach fettuccine 3 cups tomato sauce
 1 pound fresh egg fettuccine 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup olive oil Parmesan cheese

Place sun-dried tomatoes in small bowl; cover with hot water. When softened, drain and cut into slices. Cook fettuccine in separate pots of boiling water. Drain; keep warm. Heat olive oil in medium skillet; add garlic and drain sun-dried tomatoes. Cook until garlic is tender. Add tomato sauce and basil; cook until heated through. Season with salt and pepper. Toss pasta with sauce. Serve pasta on plates and sprinkle with cheese.

Ag & Forestry Briefs

La. Cotton Forum set for Jan. 14 in Monroe

The LSU AgCenter is hosting the 2003 Louisiana Cotton Forum Jan. 14 at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Monroe.

The event will begin with registration at 8 a.m.

Following registration, LSU AgCenter cotton specialist Dr. Joel Faircloth will help to kick off the meeting with an update on cotton varieties for 2003.

Other topics to be covered include an update from Willie Cooper of the Farm Services Agency, a report on boll weevil eradication from Dr. John Andries of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry and more on boll weevil eradication maintenance work from Dr. Ralph Bagwell of the LSU AgCenter.

Afternoon speakers include LSU AgCenter faculty members Dr. Roger Leonard, Dr. Ralph Bagwell, Gene Burris, and Steve Micinski, who will discuss insect pest management in cotton.

AgCenter Corn Forum January 21 in Rayville

Corn producers can learn the latest about research in their industry during the LSU AgCenter's 2003 Northeast Louisiana Corn Forum slated for Jan. 21 in the Rayville Civic Center.

The forum is free and begins with registration at 8:30 a.m.

During the forum, Dr. Rick Mascagni of the LSU AgCenter's Northeast Research Station in St. Joseph will give a presentation on transgenic hybrids – particularly Bt and Roundup Ready varieties. Mascagni also will talk about irrigation in corn.

Following Mascagni's talk on transgenic hybrids, Dr. David Lanclos of the LSU AgCenter's Dean Lee Research Station in Alexandria will talk about cultural practices including proper hybrid selections, planting depth, seeding rates, plant populations, row spacing, minimum tillage and double cropping.

Master Wildlifer class to be offered in Feb.

The LSU AgCenter will offer a statewide short course early in 2003 for those interested in learning more about wildlife management.

The course, which is dubbed a "Master Wildlifer" program, is originating at Clemson University and will be broadcast over satellite to locations across the Southeast – including nine sites in Louisiana sponsored by the LSU AgCenter.

The live broadcasts of the seven three-hour sessions will occur between February 4, 2003, and March 18, 2003. In Louisiana, viewing sites will be provided by the LSU AgCenter in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Bossier City, Jackson, Many, Monroe, Natchitoches, Ville Platte and Winnfield.

Boley named supervisor for Kisatchie National Forest

A Louisiana native and seasoned professional of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service has been selected as the Forest Supervisor of the Kisatchie National Forest in Pineville.

Margrett L. 'Gretta' Boley, a native of Winnsboro and the former Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Daniel Boone National Forest in Winchester, Ky., assumed the post Dec. 1, 2002.

Boley is responsible for all management programs in the 600,000-acre Kisatchie National Forest. This includes a large recreation program which has more than 50 recreation areas, 350 miles of hiking, biking, horse and off-road vehicle trails, an 8,700-acre wilderness area, two national wildlife management preserves, an active

timber program, one of the largest prescribed fire programs in the nation and one of the largest populations of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

"I am excited about this opportunity and I look forward to serving the forest, serving the public and serving the employees of the Kisatchie National Forest," state Boley. "I will embark on this opportunity with enthusiasm and dedication to meet the needs of the forest."

Bob Jacobs, Regional Forester for the 13-state Southern Region in Atlanta, said, "Gretta brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record to the Kisatchie National Forest. We are thrilled that Gretta accepted this position and we look forward to working with

her on the challenges facing the Kisatchie."

Prior to her assignment at the Daniel Boone National Forest, Boley served at the USDA Forest Service headquarters office in Washington, D.C. as the Budget Coordinator and Assistant Program Leader for the soils program on the Soil, Water and Air Staff.

Boley graduated from Southern University with a bachelor of science in agronomy and did post-graduate work in forestry at the University of Arizona. Boley's career with the Forest Service began in 1978 as a soil scientist. She has held several positions with other federal agencies including the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation.



In addition, Boley has been involved in planning and litigation work as an Appeals Specialist for the Pacific Southwest Region of the Forest Service.

Plant poinsettias outside after Christmas holiday

If you hate to discard poinsettias after the holidays, don't despair. In certain areas of Louisiana, you can help poinsettias live on by planting them outside, says LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dr. Allen Owings.

Poinsettias can be successfully planted in south Louisiana and even in some areas of the central part of the state. Of course, weather conditions play a major role in the success of this effort, the LSU AgCenter horticulturist notes.

Poinsettias planted outdoors can be damaged significantly by cold weather. They can survive, however, if you arrange a proper microclimate or provide some kind of protection.

Leave your poinsettias in their pots during January and February and protect them from the cold by placing them in a location that receives some sun. Water the plants occasionally, and fertilize them with a water-soluble fertilizer a

couple of times.

Then, about two or three weeks before planting outdoors in the spring, cut the plant back about halfway.

When planting outside, select a sunny, well-drained location on the

south side of a building. Keep plants bushy and compact during the spring and summer by pinching back the top inch or two from new shoots when these shoots

reach 6 inches long. These branches then will produce several lateral branches at each place where the pinching was done.

For poinsettias to bloom and develop foliage color in December, Owings says not to pinch them after late August or early September. Don't let them receive any light during the night hours.

More information on poinsettia care, lawn care and home gardening is available from a county agent at your parish office of the LSU AgCenter.



St. John the Baptist Parish 4-H members decorate the LDAF Christmas tree with ornaments that were handmade by students. From top are Our Lady of Grace Catholic School students Kara Craighead, third grade; Maci Craighead, seventh grade; Tara Short, seventh grade; Charlotte Short, 4-H leader; and Laplace Elementary Student Chris Hergruder, sixth grade.

Horticulturist introduces 2003 top 10 bedding plants

Ten bedding plants and flowers have received the All-America Selections designation for 2003. LSU AgCenter horticulturist Dr. Allen Owings takes a look at them.

Golden Jubilee is an aromatic herb, an agastache. It is very symmetrical and well branched. Its leaves are golden and release a mint fragrance when crushed. It has dense lavender-blue flower spikes. This annual reaches 20 inches tall and spreads 10-15 inches.

A fragrant carnation, Can Can Scarlet sports bright scarlet double flowers that measure 2 inches across. This carnation is considered heat tolerant but may not hold up in Louisiana summers. Mature plants

reach 12 to 14 inches tall.

Corona Cherry Magic is a dianthus with a capricious bicolor pattern. Flowers can be entirely cherry red, entirely lavender or a mosaic of both colors. Expect large, 2-inch blooms on plants 7-9 inches tall with a spread of 8-10 inches.

Forever White eustoma has large 2.5-inch ivory-white blooms. The plant is compact and well branched. It is heat and low-moisture tolerant.

A new gaillardia is Sundance Bicolor. This herb is the first consistent mahogany red and yellow bicolor flower produced on a gaillardia. Blooms are double and globe shaped. Plants spread 15-16 inches.

A new look for an AAS winner is Purple Majesty ornamental millet. This is a grass with 3-5-foot-tall purple foliage. Flower spikes are about 8-12 inches tall and can be used for floral arrangements.

The newest addition to the Wave series of petunias is now an AAS winner. Blue Wave has velvety, dark blue 2-inch blooms. This seed-propagated spreading petunia can cover a 3-4-foot area. Mature plant height is 8-10 inches.

Another new petunia for 2003 is Merlin Blue Morn. This is a distinctly different blue and white petunia. The 2.5-inch blooms are white in the center with a soft transition to velvety blue on the petal

edge. The 15- to 30-inch-tall branching plants will spread 18 to 30 inches.

Prairie Sun rudbeckia is one of the most impressive of the new AAS winners. Very large, 5-inch distinctive flowers have light yellow tips on golden petals that encircle a green center. Plant height is about 2 1/2-3 feet.

Jaio Dark Red is a vinca, probably the darkest red vinca on the market. Flowers, though, have a small white center that sets this vinca apart from all others. Large 2.5-inch blooms cover the glossy green foliage. The 15-inch-tall basal branching plants can spread up to 20 inches.

La. rainfall totals for 2002

	2002 RAINFALL	HISTORIC AVERAGE
NORTHWEST		
Shreveport	37.95	49.00
Red River	41.01	48.97
Minden	38.42	52.69
NORTH CENTRAL		
Ruston	51.84	52.15
Calhoun	51.15	52.60
Monroe	54.81	50.56
NLU Monroe	48.21	54.88
NORTHEAST		
Lake Providence	59.76	55.91
Tallulah	51.34	55.42
Winnsboro	52.50	53.50
St. Joseph	67.67	53.47
WEST CENTRAL		
Natchitoches	42.77	51.77
Rosepine	61.09	55.94
CENTRAL		
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Brusly	61.27	59.86
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Clinton	67.98	60.14
Bogalusa	67.49	61.44
Baton Rouge	56.34	60.28
Hammond	62.19	61.21
Slidell	71.01	60.18
SOUTHWEST		
Lake Charles	84.12	54.73
Jennings	71.14	57.88
Crowley	64.08	57.46
SOUTH CENTRAL		
Donaldsonville	68.46	59.18
Lafayette	69.03	59.21
Jeanerette	65.89	59.62
SOUTHEAST		
Reserve	71.67	62.35
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New Orleans ADBO	72.28	61.38
Houma	66.29	61.39
STATE AVERAGES	60.73	54.74

Cooper advises farmers on crop loans

As the year winds down and a messy, frustrating harvest winds down with it, producers across the state must now turn their attention toward next year's crop.

Willie Cooper, Executive Director of the Louisiana Farm Service Agency, urges those producers to start thinking about the coming year sooner rather than later. He says his agency is preparing to process a landslide of emergency loan paperwork, and advises producers to get moving as soon as harvest is over.

"Because of the multiple loans we're going to have to make, if producers wait until after the first of the year, I can promise we'll have some problems getting everyone taken care of," Cooper said. "What I suggest is that just as soon as they finish harvesting their crops, they

should come on in.

"FSA expects to make operating loans as well as emergency loans in the coming months.

"It's going to be much more complicated to work two loans — both an operating and an emergency loan — which most farmers will require," Cooper said. He added that the extensive damage will tax his staff, making it harder to process loans in a timely fashion. "It means it's going to put an awful lot of demand on our staff. We're not going to have people available to move from one area of the state to another like we usually do."

Cooper says it is important that producers begin the 2003 loan process by updating both their financial and production farming records. Those farmers who feel their loans will require a FSA

Guaranteed Loan (90/10) should contact their lender as quickly as possible. Failure to do so could result in loans being closed after the optimum planting dates or worse, producers could find themselves in a position where loan funds are exhausted for the year.

"In 1999, because of the '98 drought, we led the nation in making emergency loans," Cooper said. "However, we probably have a bigger area of the state affected this time because rice and sugar are impacted as well. It very well could be the largest emergency loan program we've ever implemented."

Producers who will or are considering filing a 2003 crop loan application or an emergency loan application should immediately contact their parish Farm Service Agency office.

NASDA members to discuss farm labor issues with Mexican agriculture secretaries group

On January 16, National Association of State Departments of Agriculture members will be meeting with Asociacion Mexicana de Secretarios de Desarrollo Agropecuario (AMSDA) members in Mexico City to get a better understanding of how labor migration looks from a Mexican perspective.

Discussions will focus on ways state governments can begin to deal with the issues on a state and regional basis while federal authorities address the matters at the national level.

AMSDA is an association of NASDA's counterparts in Mexico, the secretaries of agriculture of each Mexican state. The meeting is a follow up to a meeting held in Chicago in July 2002, when NASDA developed its current farm labor policy. Further study of farm labor issues was identified as an action item in the 2002-2003 U.S./Mexico Accord Work Plan.

During the Chicago meeting, participants identified points of common interest. Issues to be

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reviewed during the January meeting include: (1) Mexican agricultural workers in the United States deserve treatment that is fair in every respect, including the right to pay and benefits equal to those of U.S. citizens who are doing the same work in the same part of the country; (2) the safety and health of Mexican workers should also be protected to the same extent as U.S. workers; (3) rules and practical immigration arrangements that permit Mexicans to freely return to their homes in Mexico and to eventually move back to that country if they do not qualify or wish to seek permanent residence in the United States; (4) a consideration of family issues since migrant labor frequently leads to long periods of

separation from spouses and children; (5) removing the need and the opportunity for "coyotes" and other middlemen to rob migrant agricultural workers of the legitimate fruits of their labor; and (6) better information about the current pattern of agricultural labor migration and about both countries' rules and procedures covering the movement of labor.

During the July meeting, a point of interest was whether state-to-state collaborations might be initiated to facilitate the migration and return of Mexican workers under optimal conditions. It was noted that the majority of Mexican workers in a given U.S. state frequently come from the same state and sometimes even the same few counties (municipios) in Mexico. The natural linkage may help identify logical pairings for U.S. and Mexican states to address farm labor concerns.

Additional information may be found on NASDA's website, www.nasda.org, under the Tri-National Agricultural Accord logo.

Economist offers advice to farmers facing tough economic circumstances

By now it's well known that many Louisiana farmers are facing tough economic circumstances, and while there are no easy solutions, LSU AgCenter economist Dr. Gerald Giesler says there are steps farmers can take to deal with the crisis they are facing.

The situation was created by major crop losses caused by Tropical Storm Allison, Hurricane Lili and the state's wettest October on record. LSU AgCenter estimates now peg the state's agricultural losses at more than \$510 million.

"The weather turned Louisiana sugarcane fields into a quagmire — resulting in below-average sugar yields and excessive harvest costs," Geisler explained, adding,

"Excessive rainfall also caused considerable damage to both the soybean and cotton crops. And, worse, yet, record low rice prices are impacting Louisiana rice farmers."

The other Louisiana crops affected also include sweet potatoes, hay/forage/pastures, wheat and pecans.

"Many Louisiana farmers are feeling the strain, stress and uncertainty created by these conditions," Giesler said, explaining the LSU AgCenter and its faculty are attempting to respond to the needs created by those conditions. "LSU AgCenter faculty have a long history of assisting Louisiana farm families."

Since farm families began experiencing moderate to severe economic stress beginning in the early 1980s, AgCenter faculty have provided individual advice to more than 2,000 Louisiana farm families.

Those efforts will continue this year as the LSU AgCenter opens three FARM — Farm Analysis and Resource Management — offices in the state to help farmers make sound financial decisions. The three centers will operate from the AgCenter's Rice Research Station in Crowley, its Sugarcane Research Station at St. Gabriel, its Rapides Parish Extension office in Alexandria and its Scott Research, Education and Extension Center at Winnsboro.

All Louisiana farmers and their families have an opportunity to make appointments to visit LSU AgCenter specialists at the FARM centers.

Those visits will involve specialists in farm management and specific crop production who will go over farm plans and give producers advice on what their next steps should be.

In the meantime, based on his experience over the years, Giesler offers the following advice to Louisiana farmers who are experiencing financial difficulty:

—Don't panic; this only adds to the problem. Remember the day-to-day operation of the farm and family must go on. In the case of sugar-

cane farmers, much of the crop is still in the field and must be harvested. Concentrate on the harvest for now! You will have plenty of time left to deal with the other issues once the harvest is over.

—Once harvest is over, establish an orderly process for assessing your current economic status. Make certain the reports include an income statement and a balance sheet. Use your accountant and/or bookkeeper.

—Prepare a comprehensive farm and financial plan for 2003.

—Don't hesitate to seek help with your farm and financial plans or other decisions.

—Use the USDA Disaster and Loan programs.



News around the nation

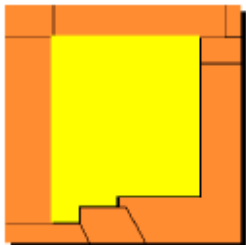
Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture alerting cotton growers of plowdown deadline

Secretary of Agriculture Frank A. DuBois is reminding all cotton growers in New Mexico to plow down their fields by the February 1, 2003, deadline.

"We continue to have high instances of pink bollworm which diminish the value of our cotton and cause smaller harvests of this very important agricultural crop in New Mexico," says DuBois.

In order to decrease the population of pink bollworms in New Mexico, cotton producers are required to destroy all cotton residues in their fields. DuBois adds, "In a continuing effort to control the extremely harmful cotton pest, growers must comply with the February 1 deadline."



Crop residue not plowed down by the specified deadline will be destroyed, and the owner will be billed for the costs plus a \$1,000 per field emergency action fee. All requests for extensions of the plowdown date or for use of an alternative method must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2003.

The Pink Bollworm Permanent Plowdown requires all cotton

plants be destroyed by shredding followed by plowing to limit the presence of any cotton plant and residue on the soil surface. Cotton producers with highly erodible soil, under agreements with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for soil erosion control, may request approval of alternate methods of cotton destruction. Producers using drip irrigation, planting Bt cotton, or using minimum till practices may also request approval to use alternative methods.

Those from a county or an area not infested or threatened by the pink bollworm may petition the Secretary to be excluded from the plowdown requirement.

West Nile virus in Washington

The state Department of Agriculture announced Dec. 2, 2002, that West Nile virus has been confirmed in an 18-year-old horse in Whatcom County.

The horse, which became ill in November 2002, is recovering. It



is the second horse known to have become infected with West Nile virus

in Washington.

"This is a reminder for horse owners to consider vaccinating their horses," said Dr. Robert Mead, state veterinarian.

"Now may be a good time to act because the vaccine requires two doses three to six weeks apart, and immunity will not be achieved until five weeks after the second vaccine. An annual booster should be given just prior to the start of the mosquito season in your area."

The positive test results were reported by the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Pullman and confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

Inspectors survey N.J. trees for Asian longhorned beetle

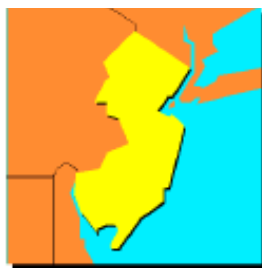
Representatives from the N.J. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are inspecting trees in public parks in Jersey City and Hoboken for evidence of infestation by the Asian longhorned beetle.

Inspectors are set to expand the survey into residential neighborhoods toward the end of next week. Property owners will be asked to allow inspectors access to their yards and trees so the extent of the infestation can be determined.

"We are asking all Jersey City and Hoboken residents and businesses to help us in this important battle against the Asian longhorned beetle," said Agriculture Secretary Charles M. Kuperus. "Their cooperation is key to preventing the beetle's spread, and protecting forested areas and residential trees throughout the state and the region."

The Asian longhorned beetle, which attacks and kills maple and other hardwood trees, was discovered in Jersey City last month. It was the first time the beetle, which has caused serious tree losses in New York and Chicago, had been sighted in New Jersey.

After confirming the beetle's presence, the NJDA quarantined



the affected 9-acre site and the surrounding 1 1/2-mile area. The quarantine restricts the movement of firewood, green lumber and other living, dead, cut or fallen material, including nursery stock, logs, stumps, roots and branches, from potential host trees. These materials may not be moved outside the quarantined area.

Initial surveys indicate 101 trees within the 9-acre area are affected. The largely commercial site is just north of the Newport Parkway and just east of Washington Boulevard. Inspectors have examined all potential host trees within a quarter-mile radius of the 9-acre site and have found no evidence of further infestation.

With the help of 10 tree climbers from the U.S. Forest Service, state and federal officials will search parks and neighborhoods for signs of infestation in potential host trees.

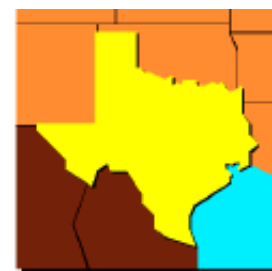
TDA secures exemption to use Tilt fungicide on grain sorghum

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture has been granted approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use Tilt fungicide (propiconazole) to control sorghum ergot on grain sorghum. The specific exemption allows the use of Tilt from Dec. 14, 2002, through Dec. 14, 2003.

The specific exemption for Tilt, manufactured by Syngenta, applies to all grain sorghum-producing counties in Texas. All applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA registered product label for Tilt fungicide, as well as restrictions within the EPA approval notice, must be followed.

Other restrictions include:

Applications should be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators. Applicators must have a copy of the Section 18 exemption notice before making



any applications.

Tilt may be applied at the rate of 4 fluid ounces (0.113 lb. a.i.) per acre in a minimum of 15 gallons of water per acre when ground application equipment is used or in a minimum of 5 gallons of water (10 gallons recommended) per acre when aerial application equipment is used.

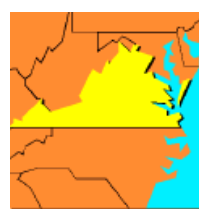
Tilt should not be applied within 21 days prior to harvest.

Crops intended for food, grazing or any component of animal feed or bedding should not be planted within 105 days of Tilt application, unless the crop appears on the product label.

Tilt may be used on a maximum of 300,000 acres of grain sorghum in Texas.

Virginia implements system for schools to order USDA foods

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, along with agencies of



three other states, is piloting a new U.S. Department of Agriculture system to place orders for foods from the USDA's

food distribution program. VDACS, which administers the USDA food distribution program in the Commonwealth, is the first one of the four states to hand over to schools the responsibility for placing food requests in the new system. The USDA commodity food program supplies approximately \$18 million in food assistance to

Virginia schools each year.

The USDA's new Electronic Commodity Ordering System is a Web-based, encrypted program that allows school districts to enter food requests directly into a centralized USDA computer system. ECOS will also provide information to help the schools track their commodity funding levels, commodity recalls, and the delivery status of their orders.

Under the old arrangement, schools have had little input into the selection of USDA-donated foods. Although they could decline specific USDA food offerings, school food service directors in Virginia have not been able to request specific USDA foods or quantities. The new system allows much more input by the recipients.

California sets Mexican fruit fly quarantine in San Diego County

The California Department of Food and Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture have established a 117-square mile quarantine zone to prevent the spread of a Mexican fruit fly infestation in northern San Diego County.

The quarantine zone goes as far north as the Riverside County line, to the east just outside the community of Pauma Valley, as far south as Mirar De Valley Road near the community of Valley Center, and to the west roughly along Interstate 15.

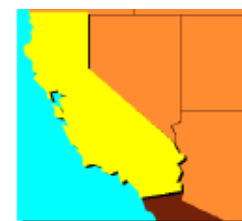
Products that are hosts for the Mexican fruit fly may not be shipped out of the quarantine zone unless they have been treated or processed, and are authorized by the county agri-

cultural commissioner, USDA or CDFA. Residents and people moving through the affected zone may not move backyard fruits and vegetables from the area. The quarantine will remain in effect until eradication of the pest is officially declared, which is expected to take a number of months. Details of the eradication program will be announced soon.

"The Mexican fruit fly is a devastating pest that, left unchecked, can cause severe and permanent damage to California agriculture," said CDFA Secretary William J. Lyons, Jr. "This quarantine is a necessary step, even though, as a farmer, I know the hardship that will be felt by many growers. I wish to thank them in advance for their coopera-

tion. We pledge to eradicate this pest as quickly as possible."

To date, 58 adult Mexican fruit flies have been trapped inside the quarantine zone, with larvae confirmed at six sites. The Mexican fruit fly is native to southern and central Mexico. The fly attacks over 40 different kinds of fruits, including citrus and avocado. Damage occurs when the female fly lays eggs in the fruit and the eggs hatch into maggots, which make the fruit unfit for human consumption.





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Mama and baby goats are penned for immunizations and dehorning (clockwise from top left.) For 4-H students to exhibit goats in junior livestock shows they must be dehorned. Frank Millican uses feed to pull his herd from the pasture into his goat barn near Zachary. When the baby goats are between two and four weeks old, Millican and father-in-law Joe Accardo give injections for the first series of immunizations. A number of different antibiotics are needed to keep the animals healthy.



Goats for 4-H shows take care

Gentle, loving and inexpensive

The star of the lowly goat is on the rise, beginning to shine brightly as one of the most popular animals for students to show at junior livestock events across Louisiana.

Once raised strictly as a low-borne meat animal, the goat in Louisiana and nationwide has benefited greatly from the infusion of new bloodlines from the South African Boer goat.

"The Boer goat was first introduced into this country from South Africa in 1994. Since then its numbers have exploded," said Frank Millican, director of financial programs for the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, who raises cattle and has a herd of some 70 Boers and Boer-crosses on his farm near Zachary.

"The Boer makes a big meaty goat and it is a handsome animal. In Louisiana we often cross it with Spanish or Tennessee stiff leg goats," Millican said. He raises his animals for both meat and for 4-H student livestock projects.

In the past three years, goats have become a featured animal at livestock shows, where poultry, sheep, hogs and cows are also shown. The shows are held in individual parishes with local winners competing for prizes at major statewide events in Shreveport, and LSU and Southern University in Baton Rouge.

"In recent years, we've seen fantastic growth in their numbers at the shows," Millican said. "The first year goats were shown at the Southern University show in 1999 there were about 50 goats. Last year there were some 220 goats in the show."

As a 4-H project, goats are economical. "You can keep them in your back yard if you've got a

16x16 enclosure. Other animals have become relatively expensive. But with goats it's the most economical 4-H project out there. They are a nice, friendly animal who doesn't mind being handled and played with. Children really enjoy them."

At his goat barn, with specially designed gates and chutes to corral and work with goats, Millican spent a recent afternoon with his father-in-law, Joe Accardo, syringe and antibiotics in hand, giving his 19 fall baby goats a series of tetanus and overeating shots as well as dehorning them.

Goats frequently get cuts and scratches when foraging around barbed wire fences and are susceptible to bacterial infections.

The goats are dehorned at between two and four weeks of age. "Show goats for the 4-H program have to be dehorned. As a rule a horn can't be over one inch long. So when I sell a youngster a goat, it is ready to go. Their parents don't have to take them to a veterinarian and have it done surgically when they are older."

The goats are weaned at 90 days. The students pick them up at about four months old and raise and groom them for show over the remaining eight months before they are a year old.

A goat loses its first two teeth at one year old.

"Then they are disqualified from showing in the meat goat classes in 4-H, so they get about eight months to show their goats.

"They'll have an opportunity to show their animal anywhere from four to eight times at various shows before they reach one year of age," Millican said.

Reminder

The Market Bulletin is expanding its advertising categories to include "From the Farm" items such as jams, jellies, quilts and birdhouses. Please remember this new category and submit your items for sale. We also need your "life on the farm" pictures to include in future issues. Send us your pictures and we'll select several to publish in the Market Bulletin.